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# MOORHEAD INDEPENDENT NEWS

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December 10, 1970

## Winners Chosen in Senate Election

### Despite Suspected Ballot Box Tampering

by J. Rowell

Eight hundred and twenty five 825 voters on Tuesday elected ten representatives to the student

senate that now, according to President Tom Clark, "could be the best ever." Despite the discovery of 97 ballots of questionable

legality, the ten were certified as winners.

Steve Johnson is the new Treasurer, defeating his opponent Paul Ottinger by 28 votes, 397 to 369. Gail Ward, who ran unopposed, is the new Secretary.

Four candidates for senatorial posts also ran unopposed. Bob Hest was reelected General Arts senator and Colleen Aronson was returned to her position as Creative Arts senator. Jerry Banks is the new Natural Science senator and Tom Schroeder, who opponent Allen Gundberg withdrew on Monday, was elected Business senator.

Incumbent Rod Halvorson decisively defeated his opponent for Social Science senator, Hank Rasmussen, 530-185. In the race for at-large senator, Tom Ehrenberg led all the candidates with 400 votes. Dennis Boeckerman and Keith Paulsen were also elected to at-large posts, receiving 378 to 375 votes, respectively. The losers in the race, Robert Littlefield, Laurie Bryan and Pepper Wendorf, drew 343, 224 and 203 votes, respectively.

The student senate on Wednesday appointed a committee chaired by Bob Hest to investigate the 97 ballots of questionable legality, all found in the ballot box located in Nemzek Hall. Paul Ottinger, who lost in the race for Treasurer and Robert Littlefield, a loser in the at-large race, were appointed to the committee.

Neil Johnson, one of the election workers who discovered the ballots in question, said they were found in clumps of 20 to 50, all of them with the same side up. Johnson said further that George Schatz, senate vice-president, found 50 in a stack. The workers separated

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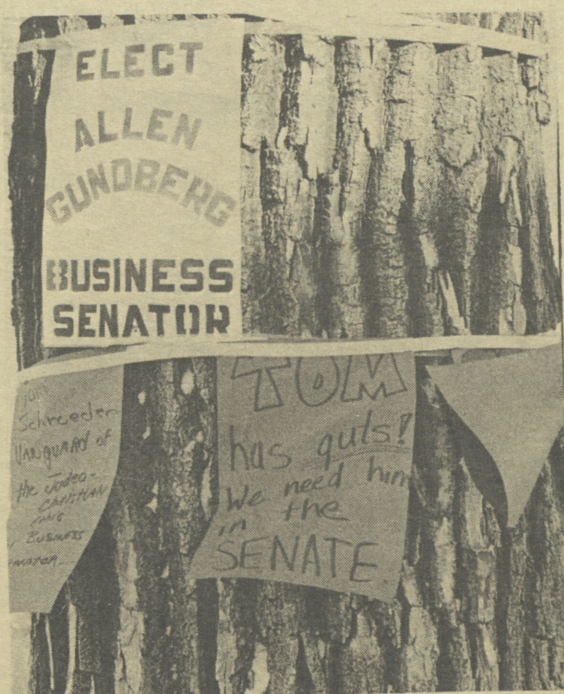
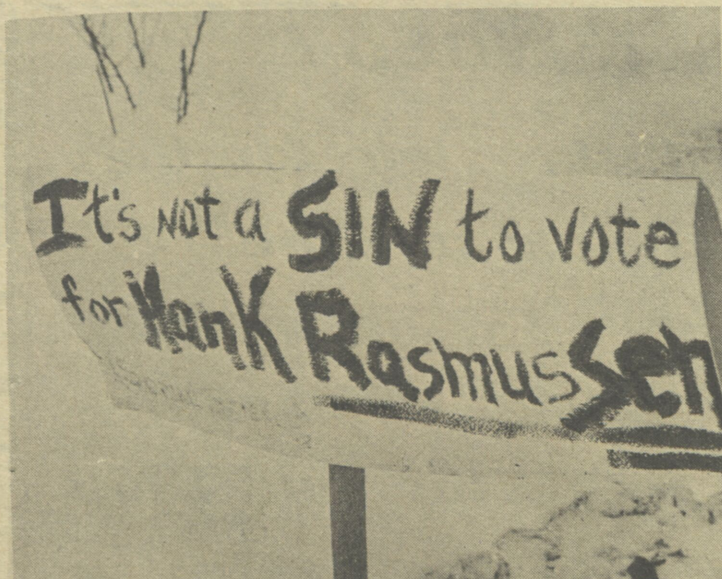


The campaign for student senate offices is over. The campus grounds may lose some color as signs disappear...but that's getting back to nature.



Advertising comes in many different forms. Here a couple of candidates' recorded ads are in the cartridge rack at KMSC radio.

Photos by Rognlie



## CONCORDIA PRESIDENT SUSPENDS NEWSPAPER

by David Little

Dec. 7 was a "day of infamy" for The Concordian and its editor, Omar Olson. The Concordian, the student newspaper at Concordia College, was suspended by Dr. Jo-

seph Knutsen, president and editor Olson was fired.

The Concordian has now been permanently suspended. The way has been paved for an independent paper to be distributed on campus. This decision was reached by the

Student Affairs Committee, composed of equal numbers of students, faculty members and administrators.

Speculation has it that The Concordian may pool its resources and

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## HO, HUM, Senate finally done

At Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting, the problem of ballot-box stuffing was discussed; a committee was established to investigate election problems; a motion to give \$1500 to Convocations Committee was defeated; and President Clark eulogized three retiring senate members.

Now the details: In last Tuesday's general election, 97 ballots, in clumps of 20 to 50, showed up in the Nemzek fieldhouse balloting box. The cards were all the same way, with the hashmarks up. The names of three candidates appeared on the cards: Steve Johnson, Robert Hest and Dennis Boeckerman. President Clark said if the cards had been included in the final count, it wouldn't have helped the three candidates.

A committee was set up to investigate the matter. Also President Clark appointed Bob Hest to chair a committee to look into election day problems such as the validation of voters, open forums and endorsement of candidates.

The Senate, after much discussion and procedural hemming and hawing, voted not to give the Convocation Committee \$1,500. SUPB had previously allocated the funds for the Committee but this fact was unknown to certain persons at the meeting. The motion

was brought to the floor and consequently the motion had to be voted down to clear the floor for remaining discussions.

Tom Ehrenberg announced that Miss Karen Kivi, librarian, would start a file of old tests from teachers who would be willing to submit their tests. This action was taken because of the story in the Moorhead Independent News concerning secret test files kept by the Phi Sig group.

Eulogies were said Wednesday night as the Senate prepared to adjourn. Retiring Senator Dennis Boeckerman said he enjoyed "working for and against people," and also that it was "a great experience." President Clark called Boeckerman "a fine senator .. one who has worked for student rights."

President Clark said of his retiring secretary, Terr Brown, "She was always able to get the minutes (of last meeting) here on time." He called her "an excellent secretary."

Of Ken Nelson, treasurer of three years, Clark said, "We won't see another one as dedicated as he was. He is the best."

Before adjournment a motion by Rod Halvorson, was passed to send a letter to Dr. Knutsen, Concordia College President, expressing the disapproval of his actions in the suspension of "The Concordian."

## Talent Show

Much original material was used in this year's Talent Show held in Weld Auditorium Wednesday night. Approximately 300-400 people watched the show.

Jim Fry, who is blind, performed first. After admitting he was scared (he didn't look it), he sang Neil Diamond's "Solitary Man." The next one was "Rainy Night in Georgia." He sang both songs with a clear, strong voice, sounding much like Neil Diamond himself. Jim received third prize of \$10.

Doug Louhman and Laurel Olsen

did two folk numbers both originals "Poem" written by Doug and "Try to Understand Me", written by Laurel. The guitar and flute arrangements were very good. They won first prize of \$25.

Dick and Bill Asmus did two original folk songs. Their style was not unlike the Credence Clearwater Revival but it was still their own. They were awarded second prize of \$15.

## DILLE Wishes Happy Holiday

We have reached the time of year when, despite the many tinsel reminders of our own weaknesses--our selfishness, our love of things--some sounds amid the tumult are directed to our spirits.

And we know that the great message to the spirit is always the in-

junction to think of others. In what may be only a vague memory of that ancient injunction, we give Christmas presents, forgetting that the only real gift is the gift of ourselves.

A college should help us prepare for that kind of giving, should prepare us by leading us to understanding, to tolerance, to sympathy, even to love. In the President's Report, in which I summed up the last academic year, I wrote, of last May, that we remembered "the tensions and the days of crisis" but also "the victories of communication and of rational discussion and the not infrequent moments of understanding and unity."

Every week has its tensions, but every day presents us with opportunities for that kind of victory and can be filled with moments of understanding and unity.

And so I am pleased to have this chance to wish everyone a happy holiday season, knowing that in that happiness must be reflected our love and respect for one another.

Roland Dille, President

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the questionable ballots and they have not been counted. The senate was told, however, that since Steve Johnson, Dennis Boeckerman, and Rod Halvorson, all of whom had won their races, were the only candidates to receive votes on the questionable ballots, the ballots would have no effect on the outcome anyway.

There was no immediate explanation for the irregularities, although President Tom Clark said, "As I understand it, there were times when the ballot box was unattended." Election workers said that if there were such time, they were unavoidable and brief in duration.

## Bring your babies: SPOCK to Speak

Dr. Benjamin Spock, famed pediatrician, author and anti-war lecturer, will speak in Fargo-Moorhead on Thursday, Feb. 18 next year. Arrangements are being made to obtain a suitable place for him to speak.


Plans call for Spock to appear on Jim Adelson's KXJB-TV afternoon talk show, to meet the press immediately following the show, and to speak in the evening at one of Fargo-Moorhead's colleges.

Steve Christianson, a student at UND in Grand Forks and associated with the North Dakota New Party, is arranging the visit.

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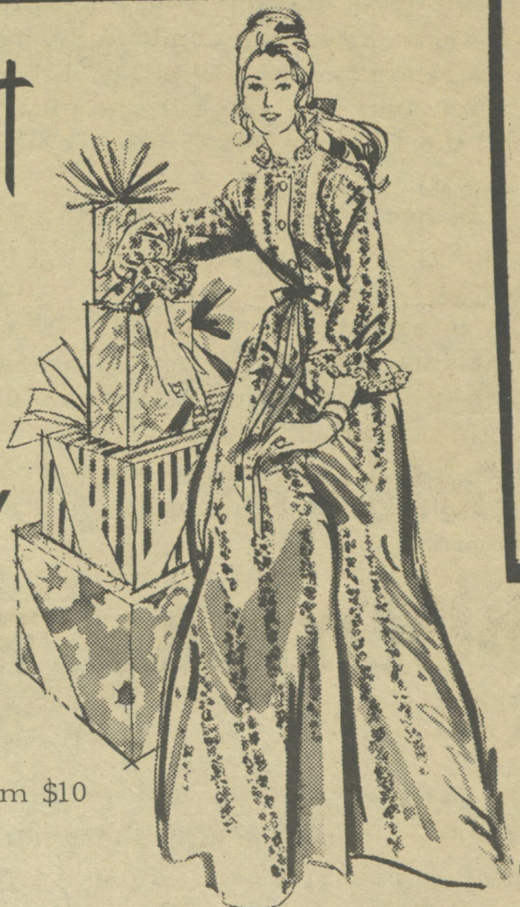
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# CORNERED CONSERVATIVE

## EDITORIAL

By P. Estes.

by D. Little

I have heard the saying that MSC is an apathetic school, all talk and no action. If we learn by example, then, let me point to the Greek organization. During Greek Week, the fraternity men conducted what was known as a labor survey, which was to prove of "immeasurable value to the city (of Moorhead) and the Chamber of Commerce" in improving the city.

The quote came from a letter the executive vice-president of the Moorhead Area Chamber of Commerce, Roger W. Young, sent to the Interfraternity Council. It goes to show that some people prefer action over rhetoric. It is this kind of spirit that is sorely needed, in this community and this country. It is also nice to know there are people who want to improve the community, and not tear it down.

We are afflicted with end of quarter syndrome combined with holiday mood. The effect is to make us somewhat optimistic toward everyone and everything.

We realize that this is only temporary and that by mid-January we will again be cynical and at times hard-headed.

However, this week the stuffy M-I-N celebrates a record of publishing weekly as promised since the opening of school. Our finances are in disastrous condition but we feel reassured. If the government can spend more money than they have, why shouldn't one little newspaper do the same?

Our staff is exhausted but according to the Puritan work ethic, that is the true way to salvation.

And maybe, just maybe that jolly fat man will ho, ho, ho right into our office at 200 So. 5th St. and leave us \$1,000 working capital, a headline machine and some needed additional dedicated staff members.

With that

With that marvelous day dream in mind we extend to our staff, to all those on the MSC campus a wish for a wonderful Christmas, a wild New Year's eve and a better New Year.

If enough money comes in to pay our bills, we'll see you next year.

## POLITICAL FORUM

by J. Rowell

Of President Franklin Roosevelt and his relations with the press, Leo C. Rosten wrote, "His answers were swift, positive, illuminating. He had exact information at his fingertips. He showed an impressive understanding of public problems and administrative methods. He was lavish in his confidences and 'background information.' He was informal, communicative gay. When he evaded a question it was done frankly.

In the brief analysis following Thursday evening's presidential press conference, NBC's John Chancellor, in a marvelous bit of understatement, said that the conference was "not particularly revealing." After all, it was the President himself who, clarifying the "crystal clear" during the conference, had said, "Let there be no misunderstanding about this president's understanding."

Indeed, the meeting with the press was little more than an exercise in futility for the reporters who vied for the opportunity to elicit a nonanswer from the Duke of Doubletalk. When asked if he approved of FBI director J. Edgar Hoover's continuing referral to

## NIXON & THE PRESS

Martin Luther King as a "liar," Mr. Nixon spoke of Hoover's "very great service to this country."

In response to a reporter's query about what he intended to do with regard to the divisions in this country, the President could only reply weakly that there is "always going to be a generation gap, and differences between the races and religions." Mr. Nixon maintained, however, that his administration had "made some progress in opening dialogues." The vagueness, one supposes, was intended to give the press some leeway in its interpretation of the reply. Perhaps they are to assume that by "dialogues" the President means the rapport recently sprung up between his ambassador of goodwill, Mr. Agnew, and the students of this country.

When asked why he has held so few press conferences of late, the President, spewing a cloud of darkness to rival a squid, said that "the people are entitled to see the president directly," and not only

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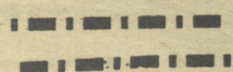
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## MSC Grad: Apathy Still Here

"Trivia and Apathy Still Reign at M. S. C." Having graduated from MSC a year and one half ago a return visit has reassured me that things are the same here. I find that apathy and trivia are still first priority for most MSC students.

As an example, I cite two social happenings which occurred within 13 hours of each other. The first was the "extremely" important basketball game between MS and Concordia which drew an enthusiastic 4,300 spectators. The fans included dedicated students, locals and even a fraternity group that showed its loyalty and sameness by marching in Gestapo style. Some of these fans gave two black players, who were instrumental in giving MS a victory, a standing ovation.

Thirteen hours later John Oliver Killens, a noted black lecturer among other things, spoke at a free convocation open to all. The turnout for this event if exaggerated, numbered

400, some of whom were required to attend by minority studies classes. Obviously missing from this group were the Gestapo marchers and many others who attended the "important" game the night before as well as other "interested" MS students. Mr. Killens spoke of black identity and the black role in white America, like helping MS beat Concordia.

Apathy prevailed when pressing world and national human rights problems were discussed and the trivia of another MS versus Concordia game was the student's first concern. It would have been interesting if the two black players had refused to play unless you loyal fans attended the convocation to attempt to learn what the black man is all about.

**David Lee Holand  
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reader is 'Genuinely Moved' by Conservative

I was genuinely moved by Mr. Little's letter (Cornered Conservative) - moved to still greater heights of frustration and grief over "this great country" of ours. Views such as those expressed by Little are understandable, almost tolerable, emanating from a white middle-class middle-aged lower-level executive in Dubuque; but when college (supposedly) educated students can speak in all sincerity of the "moral decay and corruption going on in this country" and NOT be referring to the government, then I am truly saddened.

How can anyone place a flag higher in his system of values than a human life? Flags aren't worth dying for -- or living for -- only people are. To wave a flag and scream "Freedom, justice, democracy!" while waging illegal, racist, classist, sexist wars in Asia and at home, is at best, naive and hypocritical, and at worst, insane and criminal.

Now, as to "our country's founding principles: 'hard work, love of country and fellow man.'" Come now, let's be honest -- just for once, let's look objectively at this "great" country's history. In the first place, why did we fight the Revolutionary War? Because, my friend, our landed aristocracy and wealthy merchants were getting burned by Britain's landed aristocracy and wealthy merchants. So, they decided to fire up those stupid sh-nock New England farmers with visions of freedom and justice and they'd go out and win a war for them. (It's surprising how little George Washington suffered at Valley Forge.) And that's exactly what they did -- why do we stupid suckers always get conned into doing the big guys' dirty work?

Oh, and they made it look good

too -- they wrote up a Declaration of Independence and a Constitution with all sorts of nifty and/or inspiring phrases about "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" (wealth) and "freedom and justice for all" (well, everybody, of course, whom they wanted to have freedom and justice, and in varying degrees dependent upon how dangerous they'd be to the status quo.)

Yup, and then there was the industrial revolution and the kind sirs built factories with shiny new machines where the lucky workers were allowed (along with their wives and children) to work 12 to 18 hours every day and sometimes they were even paid enough to eat decently (sometimes). Yes, how those industrialists loved their fellow-man. Just like the kindly masters loved their faithful slaves in good old Dixie. I think what happened is, the big cats in the North got sick of the Southern Gentlemen getting all that free labor and, of course, their Christian Ethic kept them from enslaving the Irish, so slavery had to go.

Actually, the war was fought to preserve the Union because it would have been bad business to lose the wealth of the South. Yes, how those Yankees loved their country! A person could go on, you know, and find the actual racist, imperialist reason for every war this country has engaged in. And it's perfectly understandable that the biggies--the wealthy men who run this country (and make no mistake about it--they are the president) should do what they have to do to keep our nation prosperous so all the stupid shnooks can have jobs (the ones who make it home from the various wars, that is), and so the world will be safe for "freedom." I have no doubt that our fearless

leader, Richard, suffers twangs of conscience from time to time (with long dry spells between), but after all, He has to look after the greater good -- He must protect the flag and private property and motherhood and decency and apple pie and I think I'm going to be sick.

No, my dear Mr. Little, this country was not founded on "love of country and fellow man." It was founded on love of money and more money and still more money. Yes, it was founded on hard work--damn hard work, back-breaking hard work by the masses -- stupid shnooks like you and me -- the great silent majority (I think everybody's getting just a little sick of the phrase--even the silent majority.), we idiots who work hard and obey the laws and pay our taxes and go to war so the fat-asses who run this whole show (don't be deceived by a vote - Do you actually think Humphrey would be doing things any differently than Him?) can get fatter and fatter and still fatter.

The saddest thing I've heard in some time was a college student who said that we couldn't get out of Vietnam because it would be bad for the economy. My God! Wake up! Don't you see, you're being had and it's your own pitious fault! I hope and pray -- no, I refuse to pray to the same god in whose name white imperialists have been enslaving people since the Middle Ages -- I only hope that you, Mr. Little, are not representative of the majority of the students on this campus, or any campus. Because if you are, then education is a waste and this institution is only perpetuating a system bent on destruction -- yours and mine.

This is "my" country? No, sir, this is "their" country. And as long as they can rid themselves of any potential trouble-makers by getting them killed in Vietnam or wherever, or sending them to Canada or jail or (and this is the worst of all) by shuttling them off to their respective little roles in society with false illusions of fulfillment and well-being, it will remain "their" country. As long as people are content to suffer in this world because "their" god said 'don't make waves and you niggers will get crowns when you're dead,' it will remain "their" country, "their" world, "their" fun and profit. What can I do for "their" country? Make it our country, in the true sense of the word. And if they can't learn to share, then they shall have nothing to share.

Marilyn Brustad

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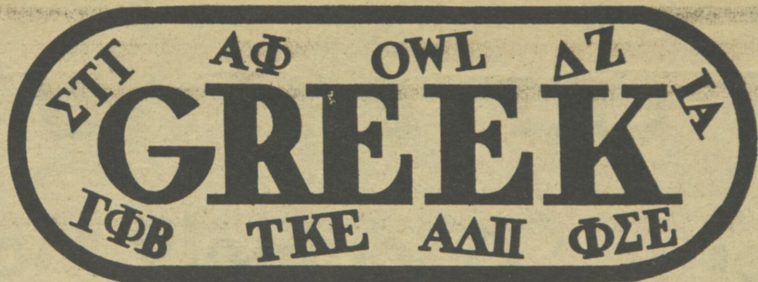
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merge with the Moorhead Independent News.

A specific reason for the suspension was the fact that last week's Concordian ran a paid advertisement for an abortion clinic in New York, an ad Dr. Knutsen termed illegal. The ad had run in more than 200 student newspapers in

Minnesota and North Dakota.

Dr. Knutson said advice from the school's lawyer convinced him that the abortion ad was illegal.

The ad, headed "Pregnant? Need Help?" dealt with obtaining abortions in New York City. It also gave a phone number for further information.

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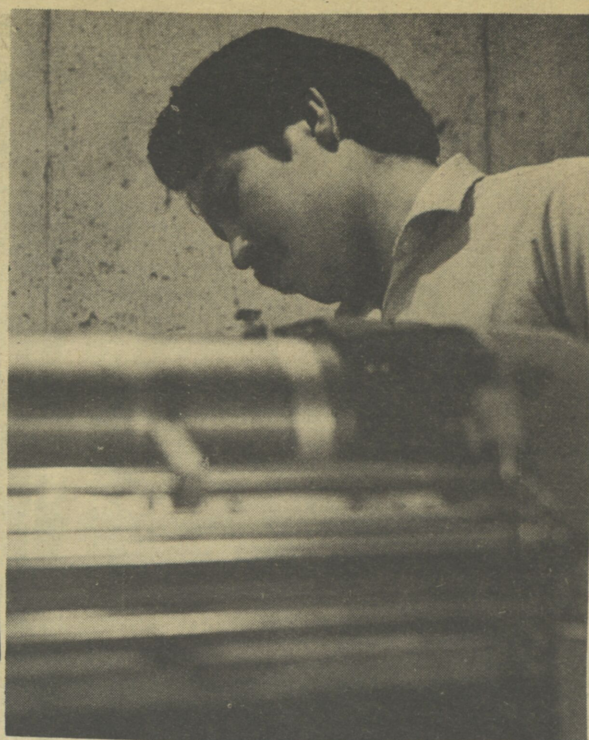
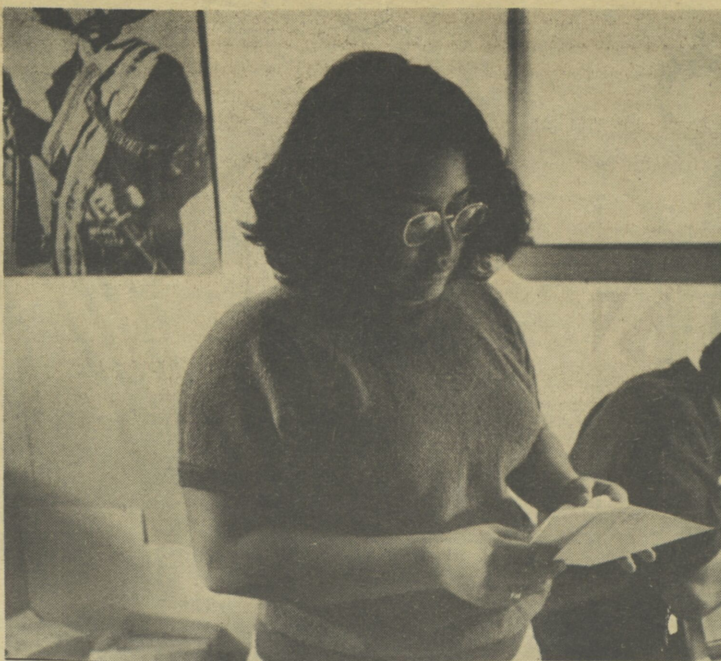
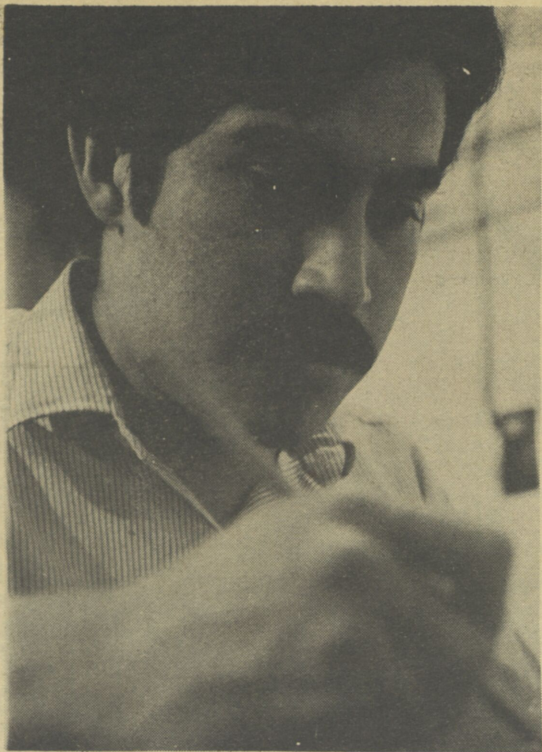
Der Deutsche Klub had its annual St. Nikolausabend on Wed. Dec. 2. The evening was started out by a skit in German in which four of the club members took part. This was followed by the singing of some German carols and the playing of some German games. As the evening progressed St. Nikolaus appeared. According to an old German custom St. Nikolaus appears in the German homes on the eve of Dec. 6. He is dressed as a bishop. The purpose is to remind the bad children to prepare for Christmas and to reward the good children. He read the good and bad points of the club members and the faculty and asked them to improve themselves. Just before he was going to leave he asked the club to sing "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht." With the leaving of St. Nikolaus, the club members enjoyed the German food which the students had prepared at home. This brought the German club Christmas Party to an end. A good time was had by everyone!

SASW to Meet

The Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work Club will meet Jan. 13, 8 p.m., in the Newman Center Basement. Topic for the evening will be a panel discussion on Women's Liberation with students and faculty taking part.

**New brew for the new breed**





Photos by J. Carter

Abner Arauza, MSC senior, works on the quarterly magazine he publishes, El Sol. He is pictured here in the basement of a friend, Tom Richart, who manages the MSC printing office.

Santos Arauza, Abner Arauza's wife, works on mailing the letters to libraries and bookstores. Over one thousand letters were mailed to sell subscriptions to libraries, bookstores, and individuals.

Running an offset printer in the basement of Tom Richart's house, Abner, a Mass Communications major, printed 2,500 copies of El Sol on this press.

# Chicano Talent Available In Publication By MSC Student

by J. Carter

"El Sol," a publication devoted to Mexican-American creative artists has been published by Abner Arauza, an MSC student, to recognize Chicano talent that has long been unpublished.

The quarterly magazine contains work by Chicano writers, poets, artists and other talent. The magazine has a great deal of value, not only because of the uniqueness of its point of view, from different experiences than most people have. This is the opinion not only of several students, but also faculty and other interested readers.

Editor and publisher Arauza says, "There are many fine talented and creative people who have never had a chance because they are Chicanos." Arauza said that he and many other Chicano writers could not get published because of discrimination. Chicano painters have trouble entering art shows and other Chicanos have their creative efforts rejected without consideration.

The Chicano, according to Abner, is not only discriminated against because of his way of life and values evident in his work. An editor will turn works down because of terms and comparisons native to Chicanos--such as "pinto beans" and other expressions evident in "El Sol." Another problem is language since many words that may express a meaning in Spanish do not translate well. The expression "losing in the translation" has great bearing on a Chicano's work.

Arauza notes that only one other regular publication is devoted to Chicano paintings and poetry. He hopes his publication will stimulate Chicano talent. "I've always wanted to do this," he muses. "It became a dream, a need that I worked for every day."

The young Chicano said, "I told a friend, when he asked, that the reason I wanted to publish 'El Sol' was that I wanted to get my own stories published, but I never could. This way I am sure to." Behind his humor is the problem of many Chicanos and his will and effort to solve this problem.

Arauza has had many difficulties in realizing his dream, but he had little trouble finding contributors.

The magazine is devoted to Chicano creative artists, which means mostly poets, because of the Chicano inclination toward poetry rather than prose. There are few art of photography examples in the current issue because relatively few Mexican-Americans who work with these art forms have contact with Abner.

As a writer he knows mostly writers. Perhaps this will change as more are acquainted with "El Sol." Another problem with paintings and other art is the difficulty of reproducing them in the magazine.

Abner claims that the reason poetry is more popular among Chicanos is that his people are more openly emotional, have a more poetic spirit than Anglos. Because they are poor they dream a lot, and create a dream world he reflects.

Arauza knows many contributors personally, and all through their work. Rene Hernandez would be a sophomore at Southwest Texas Junior College if he had continued school. He admired Abner's work and gave him some he had written.

Ricardo Sanchez, a 28 year old Chicano, now works for the Colorado Migrant Council writing and promotion. He's been in prison, and once was a staff writer for a college in Massachusetts.

Writing since he was in junior high, and now while in the Air Force, Segundo Espanosa, Jr., is Abner's brother-in-law, only recently did his family and friends learn he wrote poetry.

Author of a poetry book, Tigre is a colorful Chicano from Laredo, Tex.--short, stocky with a bushy black beard. He is militant about the demands and rights of the Chicano, but is non-violent and would not usually resort to force.

Speaking at MSC last year, 38 year old Abelardo Delgado gave one of his manuscripts to the campus Mexican American Youth Organization (MAYO). He is now an itinerant tutor for Colorado Migrant Council, and was once executive director of the organization. From Denver, he graduated from the University of Texas, El Paso.

The moving force, and a prolific contributor to the magazine is Arauza himself. Now 22, he graduated from Crystal City, Tex., High School before he spent a year and a half at Southwest Texas Junior College. He is now a senior mass communications major at MSC.

He has been active in the current upsurge of the Chicano movement since shortly after its inception two or three years ago. Except for the last two summers, he has followed the migrant work force north each summer, working in the fields.

The summer of 1969 he was coordinator of services for migrants in this area (25 miles around Moorhead), with a government funded organization based in St. Paul. He operated a Mexican-American cultural cen-

ter in Moorhead and was a counselor for project TEST last summer.

As with any publication, sales mean success. Abner has seen 1000 subscription letters to libraries, schools and other prospects. Some 75 subscriptions were sold before the first issue came out, about 50 to libraries, and the rest to individuals. Subscribers include a prison and a Health, Education and Welfare office. The magazine is mailed nation wide, with copies going as far as Texas and California. Single issues of "El Sol" will be sold in ten bookstores, including the MSC Et Cetera Shop and the Bookstore.

Several libraries have asked for complimentary copies, and the magazine is listed on subscription service catalogs that reach more than 30,000 libraries. Copies will also be given to barber shops, beauty salons, and doctor's offices. Abner has written a letter published in a national Chicano newspaper, asking for subscriptions and contributions. He will do the same at a Chicano symposium in Minneapolis Dec. 3. He hopes that as new issues come out he will get more subscribers and new contributors. With all this exposure, Abner hopes subscriptions will rise quickly.

Future uses of the magazine may be in the classroom. Abner has written to many schools having minority studies programs to see if they would like to use it in their classes. The magazine is being considered as required reading in some Spanish language classes.

Arauza is dependent on his own funds, plus loans from friends, such as faculty members, to finance the magazine. He has three paid ads in the first issue. He hopes to break even by the third or fourth issue.

Although there are many willing to offer their help, Arauza is the only one who has the necessary skills in planning and printing the magazine. Oscar Castro has been helping him the past few weeks, learning what

needs to be done. Arauza's wife, Santos, has helped a great deal with writing and mailing letters. But for the first issue, nearly all the publishing work was done by Arauza, working 25 to 30 hours a week in his home.

Arauza says that he is indebted to Tom Richard, who owns the offset press on which the magazine was printed.

If Arauza is successful, as he wishes he will be, there is assured a continuing expression of Chicano talent, and a stimulation of further growth of this talent. The benefit that comes from reading it is for anyone, Chicano or no.

## NIXON AND THE PRESS (continued from page 4)

through the eyes of the press. No matter that his predecessors found opportunities for both kinds of public viewing of the president; no matter that Dwight Eisenhower, who tried to hold a weekly press conference while in Washington, called the conference "a very fine latter-day American institution."

In reply to a question concerning his failure to utilize "jawboning" in dealing with inflationary wage and price increases, the President replied he would begin to do so "now that government has done its part in holding down the budget." Apparently, the projected \$12 billion government deficit this year is not of

sufficient concern to the President to merit mention in his reply.

And so Mr. Nixon, in the very antithesis of the Roosevelt style, was neither "swift, positive," nor "illuminating." When he evaded a question it was done with a maximum of evasion.

It is of note that last evening's meeting with the press was only the third this year for the President. President Eisenhower said of the news conference, "Moreover, I rather like to get the questions because frequently I think they represent the kind of thinking that is going on." Mr. Nixon, by isolating himself too long from the press, has too long isolated himself from the thoughts and hopes of the people he pretends

to represent. And last evening, when the chance presented itself for him to get in touch with the people, he could do no more than evade the reporters for half an hour, finally disappearing in a cloud of obfuscation!

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